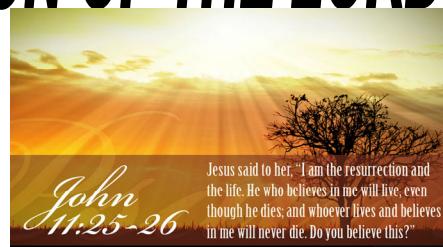


EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 12, 2020

CHURCH AND ALL
ACTIVITIES ARE CLOSED
DUE TO COVID-19.

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy
Rosary
privately from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday thru Friday.
Saturday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26

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Rectory Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11 AM - 2PM

Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson

Parish Secretary

Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:

Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

*(DISCONTINUED-due to Covid-19 virus.)

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
***Sunday through Friday: 8:30 AM - 5PM,**
Saturday 7:30 - 5 PM
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at Our Lady of Fatima.

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Masses discontinued because of covid-19 virus

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

Prayers to Mary by Pope Francis

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.*

*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.*

*Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.*

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.*



Thank You! Parishioners who sent Birthday Cards to Sr. Clementine O'Friel, SC

To all the wonderful parishioners:

Thank You for the many 100th Birthday Greetings you sent to Sister M. Clementine O'Friel. The nurses helped her open each card and read it to her.

That was such a generous and thoughtful way to celebrate Sister's one-hundredth birthday.

Thank You, Sister Judy Laffey

**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE
HOLY
ROSARY
FOR
PEACE AND OFFER
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

Msgr. Carson will celebrate Mass privately on Easter Sunday morning at both the Cathedral and at Our Lady of Fatima Church for the intention of the people of each parish. As you know, because of Covid-19 and the Governor's "Stay-At-Home" order, our churches continue to be closed until further notice.

APRIL 12, 2020
EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 10:30 AM

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 12, 2020
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
 Today's Intention-For the People of the Parish

APRIL 19, 2020, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
 Vanessa Burr, (Ray and Barbara Trybus)

Cathedral Mass Intention

April 13, Monday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
 + Poor Souls (Anonymous)
 + Jim Davidson (Bev & Mark Boslet)

April 14, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
 + Msgr. Paul Panza (Kathy Grove)
 + Skip Cole (Robert & Mary Klisiewicz)

April 15, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
 + Sandy Cuzzolina (McNelis All Stars)
 + Leo & Alice Winkler, Ann. (Family)

April 16, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
 + Irene & Richard Gomez (Lia Gillan)
 + Alfred Rutolo (Family)

April 17, Friday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
 + M. Virginia Jones (Janet & Michele Belsy)
 + Herbert Kutruff (Barry & Darlene Weston)

April 18, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Readings: Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Vigil: DIVINE MERCY

Readings: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
 + Anna Marie Mullins (Aunt Louise)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
 Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

*Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially
 for those who have illnesses great and small and
 our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and
 care.*

IF WE CAN REMEMBER THAT

Resurrection...is entirely unnatural. When a human being goes into the ground, that is that. You do not wait around for the person to reappear so you can pick up where you left off--not this side of the grave, anyway. You say good-bye. You pay your respects and you go on with your life as best you can, knowing that the only place springtime happens in a cemetery is on the graves, not in them.

That is all Mary was doing that morning--paying her respects, going to his tomb to convince herself it was all true. It was still dark, but even from a distance she knew something was wrong. She could smell damp earth, cold rock from inside. Someone had moved the stone! Afraid he would become afraid his tomb would become a shrine, someone had taken him away--God knew where--to a steep cliff, to the town dump. His body was all she had left and it too was gone...

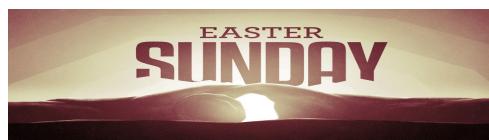
(But Jesus) was on his way to God, and he was taking the whole world with him. This may be why all the other gospel accounts of the resurrection tell us not to be afraid--because new life is frightening. It is unnatural. To except a sealed tomb and find one filled with angels, to hut the past and discover the future, to seek a corpse and find the risen Lord--none of this is natural.

Death is natural. Loss is natural. Grief is natural. But those stones have been rolled away this happy morning, to reveal the highly unnatural truth. By the light of this day, God has planted a seed of life in us that cannot be killed, and if we can remember that, then there is nothing we cannot do: move mountains, banish fear, love our enemies, change the world.

Barbara Brown Taylor, Home By Another Way

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I Love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



OFFICE HOURS: Mon, Wed, and Fri. 11 AM-2 PM

"Be glad, let earth be glad!"

The Easter proclamation, the Exsultet, which is proclaimed following the blessing of the Paschal Candle invites the earth and the Church to be glad "knowing an end to gloom and darkness." The trauma of our Lord's passion and death is overwhelmed by His victory over sin and death through the glory of His resurrection. Gloom has been replaced by glory. Disciples of Jesus are able to be glad and peaceful even during gloomy experiences because we are a people of hope...a hope based upon the mighty power of God.

The coronavirus has spread its share of gloom. But in spite of it, so many good people have brought gladness into the lives of others. The loving attention given by grandparents and parents, the courageous care provided by health-professionals and first-responders, the diligent research of scientists, and the genuine acts of kindness provided by neighbors and friends have been brilliant, and sometimes subtle, lights during moments of darkness.

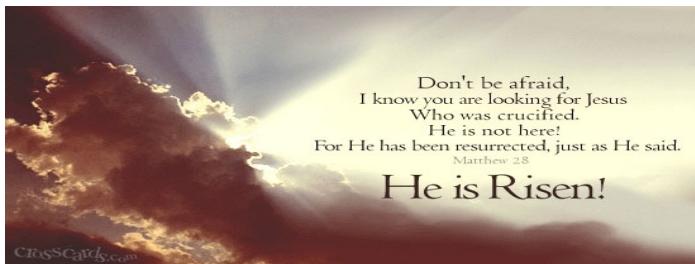
Yes, the earth and the Church have reason for joyful gladness. God who is victorious over sin and death has the power to be victorious even over viruses.

The Risen Jesus continues to speak to us through God's Word and is so powerfully and intimately present among us in the gift of His sacraments. Our sins and the sins of the Church have, in the words of the Exsultet, earned for us "so great, so glorious a Redeemer!"

On behalf of Bishop Mark Bartchak, Father Dennis Kurdziel, and myself it is our sincerest hope that the Spirit of the Risen Christ enters your heart with His peace and the joy of knowing that He will bring "an end to gloom and darkness." Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

Easter Blessings,

(Rev. Msgr.) Stanley B. Carson, Administrator



Charismatic Prayer Group

2020 Winter/Spring Schedule

Location: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, April 13th - 7PM

Monday, May 18th - 7PM

Prayer Ministry to follow all meetings

Financial Considerations

In order to deal with the projected shortfall in contributions, **pastors, and administrators, with the assistance of their finance council may need to consider the most essential tasks required in their parishes at present and which employees are necessary for these tasks. There may be a need for temporary or permanent layoffs. The diocesan director of human resources would be involved in those types of decisions.**

Contributions

Even during a pandemic, the financial support of parishioners is very important to a parish. However, due to their own financial challenges during a time like this, families might not be able to sustain their current level of giving. As a parish we will need to curtail spending and make adjustments.

April issue of "Give Us This Day"

We have approximately 93 devotional booklets that have the complete daily Masses for April 2020. It is called "Give us this Day". Any person that would like to have one may stop at the rectory between 11 AM-2 PM, Mon, Wed, or Friday. There is no charge for the April issue. They may be useful when you listen to the Mass on TV or radio during April. If you are unable to pick them up, I could deliver them after Work hours. A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

Pastoral Visits/Communion Calls

Clergy are to obey the protocols of health care facilities. Pastoral Visits and Communion Calls should be made only when there is a danger of death.

Stewardship Reflections

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Prayer Shawl Makers Needed

Anyone wanting to and able to knit , we are in need of people to knit Prayer Shawls. Please get in touch with Lorraine Beck at 814-946-7774.

Seasoned Catholic Singles Group

Looking for Seasoned Catholic Singles- We are looking to see if there is an interest in starting a social group for those Catholic singles in our area (single, divorced, separated, widowed) who are more advanced in their life journey, but would like to spend time with other mature single adults who share their faith. Activities could include: watching movies together, dining out, dining in, sporting events like bowling, service projects or worship events. If you have an interest, please contact the Family Life Office at 814-695-5579 to help organize a group in your area.



Easter SUNDAY

APRIL 12, 2020

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Psalm 118:24

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I don't know about you, but every year around this time I feel like I could use a resurrection. Especially this year as I and many of us are "sheltering in place" in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our weather adds to the malaise: we're teased one day with light and warmth, then winter returns with cold, rain, or worse. Yes, it's getting lighter outside, but these end-of-winter doldrums seem to match what's going on inside us as well. We all need a change. We all need some good news. We need to be able to sing "Alleluia!"

And today, at least streaming online or on television, we have. The opening hymn, the sequence, the Gospel acclamation, alleluias everywhere! Blessed release! What are we to be so happy about? Saint Peter tells us today—he gives us the whole story, beginning with John the Baptist and going through Easter Sunday. And Peter doesn't stop there. There are appearances by Christ after his resurrection, and a commissioning, and the promise that everyone who believes in him has forgiveness of sins through his name. Alleluia!

But travel with me now back to that first Easter morning as John tells it today. It's dark, and Mary Magdalene is approaching the tomb. But look! Something's wrong! The stone's been rolled away! This is bad news, not good news. Agony, humiliation, and death aren't bad enough; now Jesus' body has been taken away. Mary runs to tell Peter and the other disciple. Breathless, she's not singing alleluia.

Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb and find it empty. See, the wrappings are in one place and the cloth for Jesus' head rolled up in another spot. After a week of bad news, all they get is an empty tomb. The story says that the disciple sees and believes, but it ends by reminding us that they didn't yet understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead. Not much to sing alleluia about, is it?

So why this story today, on the most joyous day of the year? Maybe it fits because we already know the rest of the story. In the very next verses, the Risen One appears to Mary Magdalene in the garden there, and later on to the other disciples. We have Peter's words from today's first reading, which, by the way, converted an audience of Gentiles on the spot. We know the meaning of the empty tomb, and it's not bad news. It's the best news there is. Out of death and defeat comes new life. God has promised it. God has done it. Alleluia!

It seems that these days we are waiting to see the rest of our own story. We've lost our way, we've lost a loved one, our jobs are in jeopardy, we don't know when this virus assault will end. We're at the empty tomb in the darkness, and we don't know what it means. We need resurrection. Well, the good news today is that resurrection will come. The story of passion and resurrection is our own story. Our empty tombs take on new meaning when we allow God to lift us up. The people who are awaiting baptism will know resurrection. Your uncle who overcame alcoholism knows resurrection. Sheltering in our homes, we will know resurrection. The triumph of Christ over darkness and death is complete, and we know it because of the faith of everyone who has ever gone this way before us.

Even as we wait at the empty tomb, we can sing alleluia. We can sing alleluia because we know the rest of the story, even before we get to the end.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23
Colossians 3:1–4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b–8
John 20:1–9 or Matthew 28:1–10 or
(at an afternoon or evening Mass)
Luke 24:13–35

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